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REFS: (A) STATE 122720 DTG 131811Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)
(B) STATE 122719 DTG 131808Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)
(C) BONN 8867 DTG 121909Z MAY 78

BEGIN SUMMARY: WE HAVE GIVEN THE MATERIAL IN REF A
TO BOTH THE FOREIGN OFFICE (DANNENBRING) AND TO THE

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DEFENSE MINISTRY, AND WE HAVE CONTINUED TO LOBBY STRONGLY FOR A LIFTING OF GERMAN RESERVATIONS IN THE LTDP DRAFT REPORT. ON TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 16, THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO DECIDE ON FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTER APEL REGARDING THE REMAINING GERMAN RESERVATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE GERMANS HAVE ALL THE MATERIAL THEY NEED FOR THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL POINTS WASHINGTON WISHES US TO MAKE IN BONN -- TO PRECEDE ANY LAST-MINUTE LOBBYING WITH THE GERMANS AT NATO -- WE WOULD NEED GUIDANCE IN THIS REGARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE WASHINGTON WORKDAY OF MAY 15.

SECRETARY BROWN'S LETTER TO APEL ON AWACS IS BEING SENT URGENTLY TO APEL IN HAMBURG. WE BELIEVE IT COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON HIS THINKING REGARDING THE REMAINING GERMAN RESERVATIONS IN THE LTDP DRAFT REPORT. END SUMMARY

L. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A (THE EVENING OF MAY 13, BONN TIME), WE PREPARED A NON-PAPER CONTAINING THE POINTS IN PARA 3 AND DELIVERED IT TO THE DUTY OFFICER AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE ALERTED THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE NATO AFFAIRS SECTION, DR. DANNENBRING, WHO WENT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, MAY 14, TO READ THE NON-PAPER. LATER IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DAY HE TOLD US THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO HIM IN PREPARING HIS PRESENTATION TO GENSCHER.

2. AT DANNENBRING'S REQUEST, WE ALSO GAVE A COPY OF THE NON-PAPER TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. WE DELIVERED IT TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY DUTY OFFICER ON MAY 14 AND IT WAS READ THAT SAME DAY BY COLONEL HELGE HANSEN OF GENERAL ALTENBURG'S OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS.

3. HANSEN TOLD US THAT THE NON-PAPER WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HIS MINISTRY IN CONNECTION WITH A HIGH-LEVEL STAFF REVIEW OF THE LTDP DRAFT REPORT, SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, MAY 16, IN BONN PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, GENERALS ALTENBURG AND TANDECKI OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS, COLONEL HANSEN, AND VARIOUS AWACS EXPERTS. COLONEL HANSEN SAID THEY WOULD DECIDE ON WHAT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE TO DEFENSE MINISTER APEL REGARDING THE REMAINING GERMAN RESERVATIONS IN THE LTDP DRAFT REPORT.

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4. HANSEN SAID THESE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO APEL IN BRUSSELS ON THE EVENING OF MAY 16 (APEL IS SCHEDULED TO GO DIRECTLY FROM HAMBURG TO BRUSSELS LATE THAT AFTERNOON OR EARLY THAT EVENING). HANSEN SAID THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE PRESENTED BY, INTER ALIA, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES, GENERAL WUST, AND BY GENERALS ALTENBURG AND TANDECKI. COLONEL HANSEN WILL ALSO BE GOING TO BRUSSELS AND

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MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE PRESENTATION TO APEL.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE GERMANS HAVE ALL THE
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MATERIAL THEY NEED FOR THE FINAL HIGH-LEVEL STAFF REVIEW MENTIONED IN PARA 3, ABOVE. ALSO, WE HAVE LOBBIED STRONGLY WITH THEM FOR MANY WEEKS - AND THROUGHOUT THIS WEEKEND - FOR THE LIFTING OF GERMAN RESERVATIONS. HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS WHICH WE SHOULD BRING TO THE FRG'S ATTENTION IN BONN, WE WOULD NEED GUIDANCE IN THIS REGARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE WASHINGTON WORKDAY OF MAY 15. ANY ABSOLUTELY LAST-MINUTE LOBBYING WITH THE GERMANS COULD OF COURSE BE DONE AT NATO.

6. WE FEEL THAT THE EXCELLENT LETTER ON AWACS FROM SECRETARY BROWN TO MINISTER APEL (REF B) COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MINISTER APEL'S THINKING REGARDING THE REMAINING GERMAN RESERVATIONS IN THE LTDP DRAFT REPORT. (WE DELIVERED THIS LETTER TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY DUTY OFFICER ON MAY 14, AND BROUGHT IT TO THE ATTENTION OF COLONEL HANSEN THE SAME DAY. HANSEN TOLD US THAT HE AND GENERAL ALTENBURG WOULD ENSURE THAT IT WAS SENT URGENTLY TO MINISTER APEL IN HAMBURG.)
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